

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed **October 17, 1996**, the Examiner required restriction of the claims to one of **two** specified groups. Applicant has cancelled the claims of Group **II**, without prejudice, in response to the restriction requirement. Election without traverse is hereby made of Group **I**, claims **4-18** and **21-22**.

Accordingly, now pending in the application are claims **4-18** and **21-22**.

Respectfully submitted,

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